

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 59th LEGISLATURE - SPECIAL SESSION COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN CAROLYN SQUIRES**, on December 14, 2005  
at 12:00 P.M., in Room 422 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Carolyn Squires, Chairman (D)  
Sen. Joe Balyeat (R)  
Sen. Vicki Cocchiarella (D)  
Sen. Mike Cooney (D)  
Sen. Jon Ellingson (D)  
Sen. Jeff Essmann (R)  
Sen. Steven Gallus (D)  
Sen. Rick Laible (R)  
Sen. Dave Lewis (R)  
Sen. Jim Shockley (R)  
Sen. Joseph (Joe) Tropila (D)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Dave Bohyer, Legislative Branch  
Kima Rosling, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SR 3, 12/13/2005  
Executive Action: SR 3

00:00:01

HEARING ON SR 3

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

**SEN. CAROLYN SQUIRES (D), SD 48**, opened the hearing on **SR 3**, Confirm Joan Miles as Department of Public Health and Human Services DPHHS)director.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:00 **Bruce Nelson, Chief of Staff for Governor Schweitzer**  
00:02:36 **Joan Miles** introduced herself and offered a brief  
description of her background  
00:06:20 **Ed Tinsley, Lewis and Clark County**  
00:07:04 **Claudia Clifford, AARP**  
00:08:40 **John Flink, MHA An Association of Montana Health Care**  
**Providers**  
00:09:30 **Linda Gryczan, Women's Lobby**  
00:10:41 **Steve Yeakel, Montana Council for Maternal and Child**  
**Health and Montana advocates for children**

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:12:32 **SEN. RICK LIABLE** for **Joan Miles** regarding fiscal  
experience.  
00:17:10 **SEN. DAVE LEWIS** for **Joan Miles** regarding smoking ban  
and enforcement of HB 643.  
00:21:17 **SEN. VICKI COCCHIARELLA** for **Joan Miles** regarding  
management style.  
00:23:24 **SEN. STEVE GALLUS** for **Joan Miles** regarding improved  
communications.  
00:24:15 **SEN. JOSEPH (JOE) TROPILA.**

00:24:33 CHAIRWOMAN SQUIRES.

00:25:48 Joan Miles.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 3

Motion: SEN. COONEY moved that SR 3 DO PASS.

Discussion:

Vote: Motion carried 11-0 by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:29 P.M.

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SEN. CAROLYN SQUIRES, Chairman

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KIMA ROSLING, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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